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NOTE FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Declassifying the World Map of Soviet Involvement

1. Either of two alternative maps (rough mock-ups attached) would be suitable for declassifying.

2. I would recommend against declassifying the map, as is. The reason: certain of the countries the present map indicates are "... also active in opposition to US interests" are countries US policy is at present trying to woo or to improve relations with. Release of the map with these captions could unnecessarily damage this US interest.

3. Instead, release either:

- A world map which has only one color of red, and one caption therein reading "country receiving Soviet military aid." (The present black symbols would remain.)
- A world map containing (1) the present pink countries; (2) additional pink countries -- Syria, Angola, Ethiopia, and PDRY; and (3) the dark red caption changed to read "... and also particularly active in opposition to US interests." Those dark red countries -- Cuba, Nicaragua, Libya, Iran, Afghanistan, Vietnam, Laos, and Cambodia. (The present black symbols would remain.)

4. In either case, delete [redacted] as a black triangle region.

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5. OGI concurs in the above views.

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Hal Ford  
NIO At Large

Attachments:  
As stated

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Hal Ford:

We see no problem with your suggested map options and see no problems in declassifying either of the maps as you propose.

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